

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
MINUTES
November 22, 2004 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Virginia Bridle-Russell, Vice-Chairman
James Workman, Cliff Pratt, Rick Griffin
James Barrington, Town Manager
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

EXCUSED: William Sullivan

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public in regard to the acceptance of easements and deeds relating to the Golden Corridor project. The documents to be accepted include a fire lane easement deed, temporary construction easement, warranty deed to the Town of Hampton and a road easement deed. The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission are both in favor of these easements and deeds. This was the first of two required public hearings under the RSA 41:14-a process.

There were no public comments. The second hearing will be on December 6, 2004.

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Board led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Community Center Committee will be holding a public hearing on the results of the survey conducted on the desires of the community for a recreation/senior center. The hearing will be on Wednesday, December 8th at 7PM. Mr. Workman asked that the results be made available in advance so that the public can review them prior to the hearing.

Betty's Kitchen will be hosting a Thanksgiving buffet from 11:30 – 1:30. The cost is \$6.95 but free to seniors and veterans.

III. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. James Gaylord, Superintendent, Re: Winnacunnet Building Permit Waiver Request

Mr. Gaylord said that he was awaiting the results of the Board's decision on the waiving of the permit fee for the construction of the addition to Winnacunnet High School. Mr. Barrington explained that the consulted with Building Inspector Kevin Schultz regarding the amount of time and effort that would be necessary for the inspections. While he felt it would be impossible to make a meaningful projection of the time necessary because of the wide variety of issues that could have an effect on that schedule, he indicated that his level of effort in a building such as the police station was significant. He provided a "Permit Fee Calculator", a copy of which is enclosed, that comes from the IBC national standards. For the portion of the construction in question, the fee projected by the calculator comes to \$28,480.00, rather than the \$28,050.00 computed by the formula in our ordinance.

Mr. Pratt said that the put a lot of thought into this and has a difficult time with it because of the concern that Hampton may possibly have a default budget and if so there will have to be major cuts. At this time he does not feel he could waive \$100,000 which could be a full-time job for someone. Mr. Workman said that he looked at this and he appreciated the help that WHS gave with the SRO, but this issue is a result of the contractor making an estimating error and that should come out of the contractor's budget and not the town's. The Town should not have to subsidize more of this project than necessary. Mr. Griffin said that he can see both sides of this and his biggest concern is with the precedent that it sets.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED to deny the abatement of the building permit fees.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: 3 FOR

1 OPPOSED (Bridle-Russell)

Mr. Peter Howe, Infrastructure Project Traffic Update

Mr. Howe showed a brief power point presentation on the traffic adjustments that need to be made during the construction process. The main change is that Ocean Boulevard will be two-way. The enactment of an ordinance to accommodate the traffic changes will be needed. When Ocean Boulevard is opened two-way, Ashworth Avenue traffic will be for local traffic only. Barricades will be used to indicate where roads are closed or restricted to local traffic only. There will be a need during the project when there are construction zones closing an area of Ashworth Avenue to change the direction, or allow two-way traffic on some of the side streets on a temporary basis. When work is being done on a lettered street the work zone efforts will be made to keep the work limited to one side of the street. When it is necessary to block off a complete section of a lettered street, two-way traffic will be allowed on the open areas.

Mr. Pratt MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold a public hearing to review and take comments on the ordinance to allow the temporary traffic changes.

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

III. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Fairview Nominee Trust v. Hampton

Mr. Barrington reported that the Town received notice this week that the Fairview Nominee Trust suit has been dismissed. The notice of decision has been copied for the Board.

Town Planner

Mr. John Harwood has been appointed as Town Planner effective December 1. He will be sworn in at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room on his first day at work. Mr. Harwood will work with Mrs. Kimball on a full-time basis for the first part of December and part-time for the remainder of the month.

Infrastructure Project

Mr. Barrington told the Board that as the serious excavation work is about to begin on Ashworth Avenue, Zoppo is considering having the entire length of Ashworth Avenue ground up at the beginning to avoid future delays in working in sections. They expect to have several crews working at once, so having the entire length of Ashworth ready for trenching unquestionably makes the most sense in terms of construction haste and economics. Mr. Barrington said that they will be evaluating the other ramifications of such a move, such as dust control, snow removal, and access before giving approval for that approach. Mr. Howe said that it is likely that they will only start with half the length, from the north end to around I Street with accommodations made near the fire station.

Unitil

Mr. Barrington announced that Mr. Tim Noonis, from Unitil, came in on Friday morning with a rebate check from Unitil for \$18,820.00 in recognition of the energy efficiency systems installed in the new police station. That has been deposited to the General Fund.

Police Facility

Mr. Barrington told the Board that Chief Wrenn has asked if the ribbon cutting for the police facility could be held on December 13th at 6:30 p.m. rather than on December 6. The Board of Selectmen asked that the Board of Selectmen meeting be posted for 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Just a reminder about Thanksgiving – The town office will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no trash pickup and the Transfer Station will be closed on Thursday. The Transfer Station will be open on Friday, and we will pickup the Thursday and Friday trash routes on Friday.

Parade

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, with Sunday, December 5 as an alternate date in case of snow. The Recreation Department will have a Christmas tree lighting at the Gazebo in Marelli Park on Friday evening, December 3 at 7:00 with festivities, including horse drawn wagon rides, beginning at 6:00.

Political Event

Mr. Workman asked if the Town has billed the political party for the town's expenses associated with the event that was held at Winnacunnet High School. Mr. Barrington will follow up on that.

Precinct Land Swap

Mr. Griffin asked if the Town Manager has had any further discussion on the land swap with the Precinct. Mr. Barrington said that if the Board of Selectmen is interested in further pursuing the idea a counter proposal can be made. Initially, it does not seem in the best interest of the town as originally proposed.

Default Budget

Mrs. Bridle-Russell reminded the Town Manager that the Chairman had requested a breakdown of the 2005 default budget and what adjustments would have to be made in the proposed budget to achieve it.

IV. MINUTES

The minutes of November 8, 2004 were accepted as written.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Cemetery Deed
2. DRA Ratio Study

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the consent agenda be approved.

Mr. Griffin SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Workman MOTIONED that the public meeting be adjourned. (8:00 PM)

Mr. Pratt SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman